

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Claims 1-33 (Cancelled)

34. (New) A method for identifying genes differentially expressed in a disease state, comprising:
- providing a subject;
 - establishing a normal gene expression pattern for the subject;
 - inducing the disease state in the subject, wherein the disease state is selected from the group consisting of a cardiac disease, a renal disease, and an inflammatory disease;
 - establishing a disease state expression pattern for the subject; and
 - determining the relative expression of a gene in the subject suffering from the disease state as compared to the normal gene expression pattern; wherein the gene comprises SEQ ID NO: 2.
35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the gene encodes a protein of SEQ ID NO: 1.
36. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein expression of the gene increases in the disease state.
37. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein expression of the gene decreases in the disease state.
38. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the cardiac disease is selected from the group consisting of congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction, and viral myocarditis.
39. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the renal disease is acute renal failure.
40. (New) A method for identifying candidate compounds that modify expression a gene differentially expressed in a disease state, comprising:

inducing the disease state in a subject, wherein the disease state is selected from the group consisting of cardiac disease, renal disease, and inflammatory disease;
establishing a disease state expression pattern for the subject;
providing a candidate compound to the subject in the disease state; and
identifying the candidate compound that modifies expression of a gene in the subject;
wherein the gene comprises SEQ ID NO: 2.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the candidate compound increases expression of the gene encoding SEQ ID: 2.

42. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the candidate compound decreases expression of the gene encoding SEQ ID: 2.

43. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the gene encodes a protein of SEQ ID NO: 1.

44. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein expression of the gene increases in the disease state.

45. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein expression of the gene decreases in the disease state.

46. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the cardiac disease is selected from the group consisting of congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction, and viral myocarditis.

47. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the renal disease is acute renal failure.